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SHIPPING REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1958

MINISTRY OF HEALTH LIBRARY

1. Staff

TABLE A.

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held
T.B.Adamson	Public Health Inspector	Feb.1955	Cert.Royal Sanitary Ass. of Scotland. M.A.P.H.I.	Surveyor

Address and Telephone number of the Medical Officer of Health — Dr. R. Short, Alnwick 2263; Home - Alnmouth 323

11. Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

TABLE B.

Ships from	Number	Number Inspected		No. of ships reported as having or had during the voyage infectious disease on board
		By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Public Health Inspector	
Foreign	2	Nil	2	Nil
Coastwise	435	Nil	40	Nil
Total	437	Nil	42	Nil

111. Character of shipping and trade during the year

TABLE C.

Passenger Traffic	Number of passengers inwards	-	Nil
	Number of passengers outwards	-	Nil
Cargo Traffic	Principal imports	-	Nil
	Principal exports	-	Coal

Principal Ports from which ships arrive

Aberdeen (119), London (36), Newcastle (18), Leith (16) and mainly British Ports.

IV. Inland barge traffic

There is no inland barge traffic.

V. Water Supply

The Council as the water undertakers, supply both the port and shipping from town mains. The water is sold to the Harbour Commissioners who are responsible for supplying the ships. Supply is carried out by means of hydrants and hosepipes. The hosepipes are kept in the stores belonging to the Harbour Commissioners and flushed before being used. There are no water boats.

VI. Public Health (Ships) Regulations

1. List of infected areas

The Weekly Epidemiological Record of the World Health Organisation is received by this Authority and copy forwarded to the Customs Officer who receives the declarations of health coming from ports other than excepted ports. These are then forwarded to the Council Offices.

2. Radio Messages

Link-up radio telephone through radio station Cullercoats to ship.

3. Notifications otherwise than by radio

Signals received by Coast Guard Station and communicated by telephone to Harbour Master's Office.

4. Mooring Stations

Should any infectious disease exist on board the ship is moored to the west jetty and quarantined until the appropriate steps are taken.

5. Arrangements for:-

(a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases.

Isolation for infectious diseases would be provided in Walkergate Hospital, Newcastle.

(b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts.

Surveillance and follow up of contacts is carried out by the Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspector.

(c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles.

Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles are carried out when required under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector.

V11. Smallpox

(1) Smallpox cases would be sent by ambulance to Langley Park Hospital, Co. Durham, Tel. Langley Park 214.

(2) Transport would be by ambulance from the Northumberland Council Council Ambulance Service.

(3) Smallpox Consultants available:-

Dr. W. Minns, Deputy County M.O., County Hall, Newcastle.
Dr. J. Grant, M.O.H., Greensfield House, Gateshead.
Dr. H. Pearson, Dunston Hill Hospital, Gateshead.

(4) Laboratory facilities at Public Health Laboratory, Newcastle.

V111. Venereal Disease

Available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal diseases at:-

General Hospital	-	Newcastle on Tyne.
Preston Hospital	-	North Shields.
22, Stanley Street	-	Blyth.

Notices are exhibited in the Public Conveniences in the town.

1X. Cases of Notifiable and other Infectious diseases

No cases of infectious diseases were reported as having occurred on vessels during the voyage.

X. Observations on occurrence of malaria

No cases of malaria have been reported.

X1. Measures against ships suspected of Infection with plague

No cases of suspected plague have been reported.

X11. Measures against Rodents

Vessels inspected showed little or no signs of rodent infestation.

Arrangements available for deratting are traps or poisoning.

No rats were destroyed on ships from foreign ports.

The authority is not an "approved" port for the issue of derattisation certificates.

X111. Inspection of Ships

No nuisances were found in vessels inspected.

X1V. Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations 1934 and 1948

An area at the mouth of the River Coquet has been prescribed as a prohibited area for the laying of shell-fish beds or collection therefrom, in accordance with the above regulations. The prohibition has been in force since 19th November, 1946.

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XV. Medical Inspection of Aliens

The port is not approved for the landing of Aliens.

XVI. Miscellaneous

The Council own a mortuary which is utilised in making arrangements for the internment of the dead.

R. SHORT.

Medical Officer of Health.